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OKLAHOMA TO MAKE GREAT DISPLAY OF FARM PRODUCTS

Young People of the Frisco Road's Territory Told of the Greatest Opportunity Youth Has Ever Had—Free Seeds Will Be Given to All Farmers Who Will Aid in Getting Up Exhibits to Beat the Wonderful Farmers of Canada.

The reader who has not given the matter much thought may wonder what the Dry Farming congress is and what its objects are; and, with a limited knowledge of what its true mission is, he may be led to form a wrong impression regarding this grand organization, and may conclude that its object is to promote only the interests of arid sections. As a charter member, holding a life membership, I wish to correct as far as possible any erroneous impressions which the name may have suggested to the minds of readers.

The Dry Farming congress is, perhaps the grandest agricultural organization in the world. Its membership is made up from the most progressive agriculturists of the world. At our session just closed at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, we had representatives and delegates from all parts of the civilized world, and the grand divisions of the earth. From Jerusalem, Palestine, the Holy Land came delegates, and also ancient China was represented with samples of products of farms.

The work of the congress is purely educational in agricultural affairs. Not only dry farming, but every phase of agriculture, is discussed by able experts who are spending their lives, energy and talent in trying to build a higher and better agriculture.

It is regretted greatly that more of our people cannot or do not attend these great educational gatherings, and this is especially true as regards the young people of our country, both boys and girls.

Good News.

I return from this congress with good news. At last there has been opened the opportunity for all of our young people to attend one of these great dry-farming congresses. All honor to the progressive spirit of the noble men and women of Oklahoma, who formed the Oklahoma delegation, and through whose efforts the next dry-farming congress was secured for Tulsa. This brings the congress right to our door, and makes it possible for every boy and girl to attend. Boys and girls, young people, let us implore you—let me appeal to your better judgment, let me appeal to your love of country and to your patriotism, to begin now to save your time and money (for your time is money) in order that you may be in position to attend this congress and go to Tulsa, and there see what the great Creator has made the world for. It will be a trip and an education that will go with you through life; and for a few dollars you may see what it has cost others millions of dollars to accomplish.

When I tell you of a farmer who, while farming as a means of livelihood, grew such fine wheat that he won \$2,500.00 for exhibiting one bushel of it, which tested sixty-seven pounds per bushel; and when I tell you of another farmer who won \$200.00 on one bushel of potatoes, (and these are only a few of the wonderful results I can cite you) this should impress you with new ideas, and let me hope that no young man who reads this will fail to see the importance of making the most of his time, the most precious thing we have; and which I regret to say, is greatly wasted by many of our young men in billiard halls, saloons and like places.

Now that this great dry-farming congress is coming to us next year, I am commencing already to prepare for

it. I want to show to the world gathered there that we, too, have something in common with the spirit of the world. The people of the northwest will be present with the products and fruits of their farms, orchards, vineyards and gardens, in great evidence, and we cannot afford to let Canada come to our doors and carry away all the honors. No! Let us be up and doing, for now is the time to begin. In fact, I am well started and I intend to push from now until I see our exhibits the products of our country, placed side by side with those coming from Canada and our great northwest. But, reader, let me try to impress upon you, right now, that we cannot go into this contest and expect to win unless we work and unless we can go with the very best. Oh, yes, these Canadians are coming, and they are coming "loaded for bear" and we must wake up or they will take the game back home with them. Now, I am going to open a winter carnival, and I am going to inaugurate the most aggressive campaign of agricultural education ever known in our country. I shall conduct daily lectures, and will be on hand in person or have experts to give lectures on the various exhibits. I want to get fully ready for this work. I shall appeal to the Frisco railroad for a special rate for at least thirty days, so as to give our farmers a chance to attend this short course of lectures. It will pay every farmer to come and bring his boys and girls.

Free Seeds.

To every farmer who co-operates with us in this great work of growing samples for this dry-farming congress, I will furnish seeds of rare varieties free of charge. We want samples. I want every Frisco state to come forward in this matter. I am not appealing to Missourians alone, but to all our Frisco states—Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Tennessee. I want to see each of these states well represented with grand exhibits from their farms, orchards, vineyards, gardens, mines factories and forests.

Big Specimens.

Now, I want to put our people on the defensive by giving them some idea of what kind of specimens we will have to compete with at our Oklahoma show. These Canadians are coming with wheat, oats, barley, rye, potatoes, onions, cabbage and apples that will astonish the world. There were Canadian turnips at Lethbridge which weighed thirty-six pounds, beets weighing forty pounds, and apples weighing from sixteen to twenty ounces. These are some of the things we will see at Tulsa. Some may say "We of the states cannot grow these great specimens, and there is no use to try."

Now, here is a pointer for all these doubting Thomases: You come to me and I will tell you what to do. I know the weak as well as the strong points about this Canadian country, and I also know both the strong and weak points of our own country. To put our people on these points regarding both countries is one of the objects for operating this winter carnival and campaign of education. We can and we must grow big specimens, we can and we must grow better fruit.

Conclusion.

Now, in concluding this, let me again earnestly appeal to our people to not let this grand opportunity for letting the world know about what our country is good for pass by unheeded; but, let us take advantage of this opportunity. And now is the time for us to begin making preparations for this grand event, by carefully selecting our plots upon which we are to grow our samples, by preparing fertilizers, and my making selections of seeds and plants from which we may grow our specimens. Oklahoma may hold a horse, she promised much in order to secure this congress, and it is the duty of every patriotic citizen in our great south to stand by Oklahoma, uphold her hands, and help make all her promises good.

In the words of Mr. Roosevelt, "My hat is in the ring" and I am all in-

FERRIS SLATED FOR COMMITTEE

Democratic Caucus May Make Him Chairman of "Public Lands."

Washington, Dec. 26.—Committee assignments in the house of representatives, made necessary by changes in membership, will be considered at a democratic caucus which has been called for January 7, as announced today.

The chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, made vacant by the election of Representative Sulzer as governor of New York, is one of the important places to be filled and it is probable the place will go to Representative Flood, of Virginia, who now is acting chairman of the committee.

To succeed former Representative Hughes of New Jersey, on the ways and means committee, Representative Ansberry, of Ohio, is said to have been selected.

The caucus also will award the chairmanship of the committee on public lands, contest for which is between Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, and Representative Graham, of Illinois. The outgoing chairman is Governor-elect Robinson, of Arkansas, whose inauguration, like that of Governor-elect Cox, of Ohio, a member of the appropriations committee, will not take place until later in the month.

There are a number of candidates for the Cox vacancy on the appropriations committee.

GENERAL SHAKEUP AT MUSKOGEE

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 26.—William R. Robison, sheriff of Muskogee county, and Ed. I. Williams, judge of the municipal court, resigned today as a result of investigations by the special grand jury in session here. M. G. Bailey, justice of the peace of Muskogee, was indicted, charged with carrying concealed weapons, eight county employees holding subordinate positions were removed or forced to resign and five policemen dismissed from the city force.

The jury returned fifty-four indictments and said in its report to Judge Allen that the "resignation of the sheriff and police judge made it unnecessary to bring charges against them." In its report, the jury stated that it had heard evidence that showed intoxicating liquors were used by guards in the county jail, and that the sheriff had instructed his deputies not to serve search warrants issued by the district court.

"The disappearance of a carload of liquor from the county jail," the report said, "has not been satisfactorily explained."

The report further stated that, according to evidence received by the jury, the police judge had frequented places where liquor was sold and gambling conducted. The shakedown of police, city and county officials came immediately after the report was filed this afternoon. Following the resignation of Sheriff Robison, Bud Ledbetter, sheriff-elect, was appointed by the county commissioners.

The funeral of Robert Lee Taylor, killed Wednesday night by a fall from a horse, was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence of R. R. Taylor. The funeral address was delivered by Rev. W. H. Roper of the Methodist church. Interment in the local cemetery.

patience to get busy. I am going into Oklahoma with our new exhibit car at once, and will extend to her people every possible encouragement, including the free distribution of seeds to such farmers as will co-operate with us in preparing for this congress. We must have at Tulsa the grandest display of products the world ever saw; and if all will join me and do their part, we will make such a showing that these Canadians will have to stay until Christmas to see it all. It is not only the people of Canada we want to impress, but the many delegates and visitors from all foreign countries. Here is our opportunity to immortalize ourselves, and we must not let it pass unimproved.

F. S. WHITE, Agri. & Hort. Commissioner, of the Frisco Ry. Co., Springfield, Mo.

ELKS RECEPTION DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Annual Christmas Reception and Dance of Elks is Feature of Social Season in Vinita.

What is conceded to be the most delightful social affair of the kind of the season in Vinita was the annual Christmas reception and dance given by the Elks, at their club quarters last night. Vinita society attended this delightful event en masse. The reception began at 8:30 at the club and the guests were met at the door by the reception committee and shown over the lodge apartments, the appointment and comfort of which was an agreeable surprise to those who are not members of the order and especially to the ladies, many of whom said they could not understand why the Elks liked so well to "go to the Club" for an evening. Delicious punch was served at the end of the main hall. After the guests had been shown about the club rooms and had had time to get acquainted the announcement was made that those who wished to dance might repair to the hall over the Grand theatre, where the ever delightful music of the Parsons orchestra the Terpsichorean devotees enjoyed themselves until the full program had been exhausted and a number of "extras" had been called to satisfy the ever cry for more. Those who did not care to dance found the card tables a most entertaining pastime and many sets at bridge and other popular games were organized and the games progressed until past the usual hour when card parties break up. Taken all in all last night's entertainment was the crowning event of the many social affairs planned by the Elks since the institution of that order here and Vinita society hopes that the B. P. O. E. will continue these entertainments at frequent intervals.

EARLY EASTER COMING IN 1913

Will Come March 23, First Time in Nearly a Century.

Dressmakers and milliners will have to work livelier this winter than they have in many years in order to get Eastern gowns and hats ready for their customers on time. Not in ninety-five years has Easter come any earlier in the year than it will in 1913, and it will not come as early again for another eighty-seven years.

The next Easter falls on March 23. Not since 1818 did it arrive sooner in the year. In that year it came on March 22. Not again until the year 2000 will it come so early again.

Sixty-seven years ago and fifty-six years ago, respectively, Easter occurred on the same date as it does in 1913. The next year when Easter will pay an early visit will be in 1940, when it will arrive on March 24. In 1951 it falls on March 25. It will come again on March 26 in 1967, 1978 and 1989.

The latest Easter of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was in 1859, when it fell on April 24. In 1848 and 1905 it occurred on April 23. Last Easter was on April 7.

As Easter is the most important of all the movable feasts of the Christian church it determines all the rest. Hence next year Ash Wednesday comes on February 5, Ascension Thursday, May 1, and Pentecost, May 11.

Easter can never come earlier than March 22, and the only time it did or could do this from the year 1801 to 2000 was in 1818. This was made possible by having a full moon on March 21 and the following day being Sunday.

The rule provides that Easter shall be the Sunday that follows that fourteenth day of the calendar month on which falls upon or next after March.

AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

The premanency of dragged-road road work in bad weather, if it has been done in the proper manner, is strikingly indicated in a recent issue of the Quincy, Ill., Herald, refuting the oft-repeated charge that dragged roads are good enough for summer, but not so good at other times. "In the

light of experience met with during the last few years it is hard to conceive the road from the ferry landing at West Quincy over to Taylor, in anything but the most wretched condition at the present time," says The Herald. Then it declares that on the contrary the road for nine miles is a fine as rock and gravel roads of the community, and in spite of a recent flooding from the Fabius river. It was put in condition in eight days with the King drag, and three days were consumed in cutting away brush alongside the road. Opponents of the King drag have been put to route around Quincy, and the Herald concludes thus: "The present condition of the road is just another proof of the efficiency of the King drag under all conditions."—St. Joseph News-Press.

TESTIMONY FAVORS RENFRO.

Banker Says Signature on Warrants is Not Forgery.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 26.—No decision will be given by Justice Seton until Saturday afternoon in the case of Charles Renfro whom Attorney General West is seeking to have bound over to the district court on a charge of disposing of state warrants alleged to be forgeries.

Will R. McBrine, former warrant clerk in the state auditor's office, swore that he had never told Renfro that the warrants were forgeries.

U. C. Guss, Elymon Gray and Haymen Farquharson, Guthrie bankers, testified in Renfro's behalf today, as did also Joe Willis, a warrant dealer, all stating that they were accustomed to buying state warrants at a discount. Guss swore that in his opinion the signature of Leo Meyers, state auditor, on \$8,000 alleged forged warrants now held by the Farmers' National bank of Ponca City are genuine.

Bones at 100 Feet Depth.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 27.—Workmen digging a tunnel for a trunk sewer a half mile north of the Saskatchewan river, which bisects the city of Edmonton, unearthed at a depth of 100 feet several bones of an animal which professors of the University of Alberta are unable to classify. One of the pieces resembles the femur of a buffalo, while others appear to belong to a larger animal. J. W. Begg, chief engineer of the sewer construction department, will invite scientists of Canada and the United States to give their opinions respecting the find. The discovery proves that at one time the surface of the land was at least 100 feet lower than at present. However, it may be, experts say, that the river changed its course centuries before the coming of the white man to this country.

BUD LEOBETTER IS NOW SHERIFF

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 27.—It is now Eastern Oklahoma's best known officer whose reputation is nation-wide was sworn in as sheriff of Muskogee county shortly before noon Thursday. He qualified by filing his bond of \$15,000 the same being signed by D. N. Fink, Walter Howard and J. E. Wyand and before the grand jury had been discharged he was holding down the chair but recently vacated by W. R. Robison.

The appointing of Bud Ledbetter as sheriff two weeks before he was to start on his elective term was the natural culmination of the developments of the past eight days. It became known on Tuesday that Sheriff Robison was ready to give up the office, his only suggestion being that he hold on until next Tuesday when the calendar year ends. This would give him an opportunity of making out a complete report for the month, but Judge Allen did not take kindly to the suggestion as something might possibly happen after the grand jury had made its final report. On Wednesday Mr. Robison informed the grand jury that he was ready to resign at once and the written resignation was prepared. Before the grand jury made its report the county commissioners were called into special session and the resignation of Sheriff Robison was presented and accepted. Bud Ledbetter was at once named to fill the unexpired term. W. R. Robison was in office about ten weeks, having been appointed on October 7 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sheriff Jim Wisener. Bud Ledbetter was elected sheriff in November and his regular term of office starts on the first Monday in January.

Old Jay Runs Sheriff Out.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 26.—Sheriff Thomason of Delaware county is expected here tomorrow to ask Governor Crouse for state aid in enforcing the order of the district court in the matter of removing the county records from old to new Jay. According to E. O. Cassidy, one of the new town promoters, the agreement which the old town people said they would make with reference to the records was drawn up and signed by the new town people last week. It was given to the sheriff, who went to old Jay and the statement is, was made to leave.

"A wide road separates old and new Jay," said one of the new town people, "and Sheriff Thomason was chased across the highway."

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